

**Consideration of the dedication of the Ouabache Flatwoods Nature Preserve in Wells County**

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 38.16 acre area within the Ouabache State Park, approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the town of Bluffton. This nature preserve is located in the Bluffton Till Plain Section of the Central Till Plain Natural Region.

This proposed nature preserve primarily consists of an oak flatwoods natural community, on relatively level terrain with poorly drained soils. The woods is dominated by large specimens of swamp white oak, burr oak, and pin oak, with a diversity of tree species including black walnut, American beech, Ohio buckeye, black cherry, and several species of hickory. The forest is considered old second growth, and is the highest quality forest remaining in Wells County.

This tract is owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs.

The Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs recommend dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

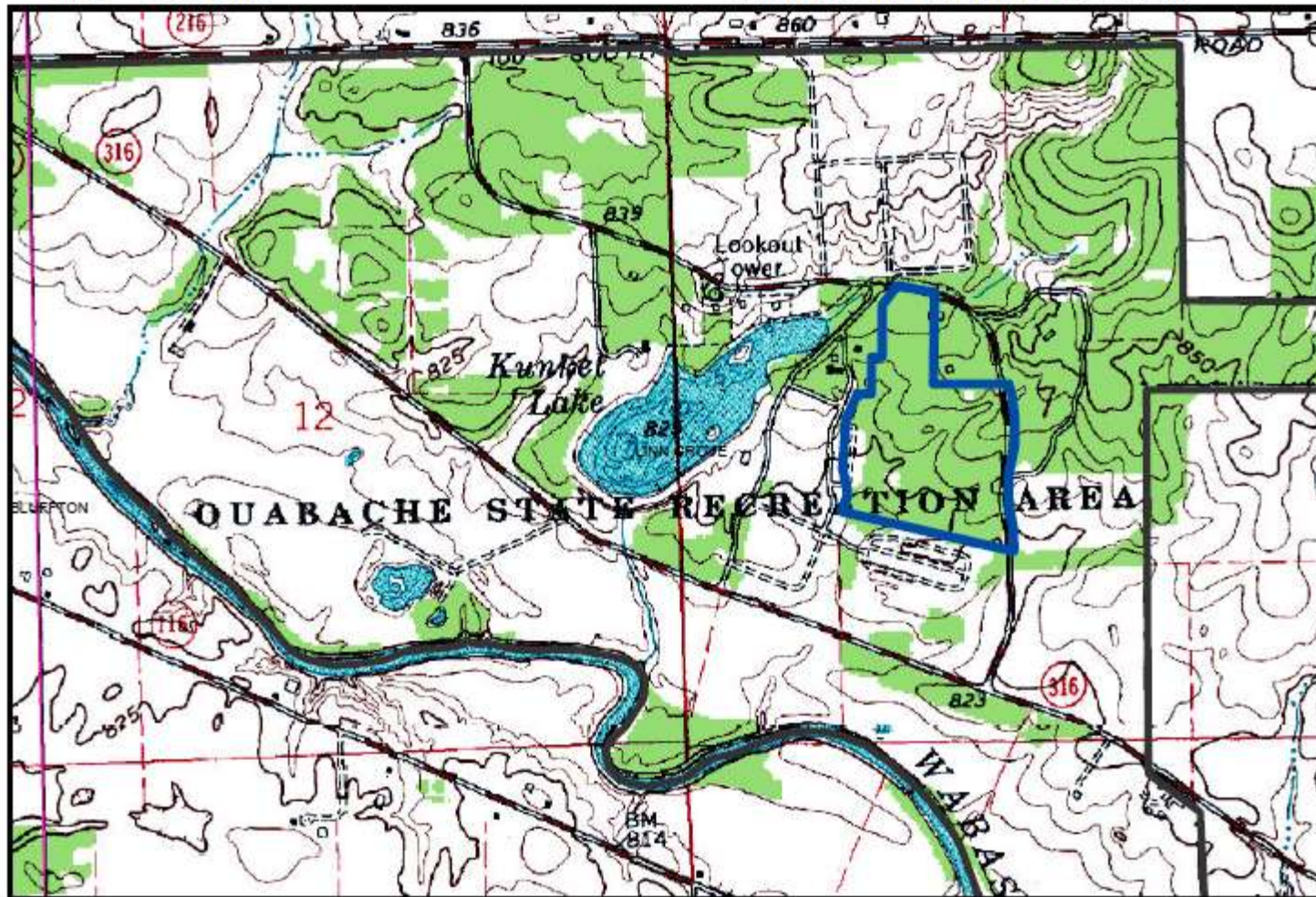
Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A

## Ouabache Flatwoods Nature Preserve

## Exhibit A

County: Wells  
Size: 38.16 acres

USGS Map: Linn Grove  
Ownership: DNR State Parks & Recreation



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